

Cat's Claw

(*Caesalpinia decapetala*)

What is Cat's claw? Why is it bad?

Cat's claw is a thorny vigorously growing woody vine with yellow flowers and brown seed pods which forms a dense canopy, and smothers vegetation, fences, forests, and pastures.

Cat's claw is found on Oahu and Kaua'i. On Kaua'i, a dead cow was found tangled and upside down in a thorny thicket. On Maui, cat's claw is currently restricted to Kakipi gulch on the windward north shore.

What should you do if you see this plant in areas other than Kakipi gulch?

1. Call the HEAR project at 572-4418.
2. Dig out the root of the vine, if possible. Otherwise, cut the vine near the root of the plant, and treat with an appropriate herbicide.
3. For more information, call 572-4418 or websurf to <http://www.hear.org>.



You can help keep Maui no ka oi.
Report all sightings of Cat's claw to
the HEAR project at 572-4418.